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FOUR GIRLS DIE WHEN BOAT GOES OVER MILL DAM

Gasoline Gives Out and Launch Is Swept Down Stream.

Party of Eight Went Out for Sail With Man.

EMORIA, Ill., May 9.—Four girls, Elma Webster, aged eighteen years, Edith Webster, aged sixteen years, Grace Lytle, aged fifteen years, and Bessie Lawrence, were drowned in the Neosho river at Hartford, this morning. In company with Kate Griffith, Mary Griffith, Carol Lytle, Emil Steinholst, and Howard Lyons, they went boating in a gasoline launch.

When the party was a short distance above the dam at the Hartford mill, the supply of gasoline gave out, and the engine stopped.

Lyons succeeded in getting Mary Griffith and Carol Lytle safely ashore, and Kate Griffith floated down the stream several hundred yards, where she was rescued by Charles Shaw, who was attracted to the scene by cries for help. The body of Edith Webster has been recovered. The entire community was engaged in a hunt for the bodies of the other three girls.

Six Men Drowned On Launch Party

EAST LIVERPOOL, Ohio, May 9.—Of nine young men who started out in a gasoline launch for a ride on the Ohio river, at 10 o'clock last night, only three are living, the six others having met death by drowning.

The dead are: THOMAS NAGLE, plumber, who is married, and has two children.

DONALD MUNDY, WILLIAM JOHNSON, JAMES DAWSON, CARSON FINCH, married.

GEORGE GRWIG. The nine men went up the river a mile, when their engine broke. Futility efforts were made to get it into running order again.

The boat floated down stream on the West Virginia side of the river, and when it had gone down as far as Chester, it struck a fleet of coal barges which had tied up there. The current is swift at this point and the gasoline launch is believed to have gone under the tow and then floated down the river. All the occupants were thrown into the water.

Ted Prober, Edward Kibbie, and T. J. Milneau managed to grasp the upper part of a coal barge and clung to it, clambering into it. All the men lived in East Liverpool.

EVANS HAULS DOWN COMMANDERS' FLAG

Coincident with the hauling down of Admiral Evans' flag from the battleship Connecticut in San Francisco Bay today, the Navy Department made public all the correspondence between the admiral and the department relative to his release from command.

The President congratulated Admiral Evans upon his successful completion of the world's greatest cruise and expressed his regret that the condition of Admiral Evans' health had made his relinquishment of command imperative. In return Admiral Evans expressed his appreciation of the gracious message received and again said with regret that it was done only on the earnest representations of his doctors.

\$500,000 VESSEL BEACHED AFTER ST. LAWRENCE CRASH

QUEBEC, May 9.—As a result of a collision with the steamer Milwaukee, of the Canadian Pacific, the Government ice breaker Montcalm, the finest vessel in its fleet, is beached today almost submerged, in Sackett's harbor.

The Milwaukee, bound for Montreal, rammed the Montcalm, the latter tried to cross her bows in the St. Lawrence yesterday. The Montcalm is valued at \$500,000.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The weather is still cloudy and rainy in northeastern districts and the Lake region, although the disturbance of Friday morning has advanced to the lower St. Lawrence valley. A second disturbance is central in the southern Rocky mountain region. It has not caused any precipitation of consequence, except in Idaho, Wyoming, and Utah. The temperatures are below the seasonal average from the Atlantic to the Pacific, except in very few small areas.

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FIGHT IS ATTEMPTED ON FLOOR OF HOUSE

Commissioner From Porto Rico Resents Remarks of Ohio Representative Who Charged Disloyalty to the American Flag.

A slurring remark by Representative Douglas of Ohio regarding his belief that the Porto Rican people do not love the American flag aroused the ire of Tulio Larrinaga, Resident Commissioner from Porto Rico, to such a degree late yesterday afternoon that for a moment it seemed that serious trouble would be started on the floor of the House.

Minority Leader Williams, however, laid a detaining hand on Mr. Larrinaga as he was darting down the center aisle of the House to get to Mr. Douglas, and a conflict was averted.

Mr. Douglas, who is General Grover's successor, had just made the remark that the flag was not looked up to and loved by the Porto Ricans as it should be. Mr. Williams asked why this was.

"It is due to the peculiar personalities of Porto Ricans," replied Douglas.

Ready for Fight.
Without a moment's warning Larrinaga was out of his seat and had started down the aisle. Mr. Williams, however, stopped him. When Mr. Larrinaga asked for time to make a statement in reply to Douglas, Mr. Williams said he could yield no further time.

Mr. Larrinaga, as a result of Mr. Douglas' remarks, made a short speech in the House this afternoon, in which he described the wrongs done to Porto Ricans and the sorrows of her people.

He declared that discontent is in the island because her people are governed by Americans, who understand neither the customs nor the language of Porto Rico. Instead of the independent government which the people once enjoyed, there is now a government by men appointed by the President, he declared, and the taxes are collected by men who are the appointees of the foreign rulers.

Blames Political Conditions.
He said it could not be doubted that his race had its peculiarities, as every race has, but the discontent was due to political conditions entirely.

"I have heard the boast made on this floor that you have caused the prosperity of Porto Rico," he continued. "I only wish you had, but you have not. Everything that Porto Rico is, she has done for herself. I am sorry to have to bring this subject before the House, but it is adding insult to injury when my people have to endure what is said about them in the public press and on this floor."

AUDIT SYSTEM TO ENTER SUIT

Manager Thinks Government Should Pay for Breaking Contract.

That the Audit System, which was summarily thrown out of the Government Printing Office, intends to sue the United States Government because it was put out before its contract expired, was developed today in a hearing before the House Committee on Printing.

W. M. Hayner, general manager of the system, made the statement.

The meeting was called by Chairman Landis, and was a resumption of the investigation which Mr. Landis began some months ago into what the Audit System really did in the printing.

The fact that the system will sue the Government was brought out when Mr. Landis asked Mr. Hayner why it was that, although the Audit System contract with the Government called for expert services, the Government did not get any such service. Mr. Hayner was about to answer this question, when he was interrupted by Mr. Landis, who stated that the system had broken its contract with the Government.

The hearing as a whole was taken up with technical matters. Mr. Landis asked Mr. Hayner how he figured on how much to charge the Government Printing Office, to which Mr. Hayner replied that he had figured out how much his pay roll would actually cost, and then had charged the Government double that amount.

CHOPS MAN TO DEATH IN VIEW OF HUNDREDS

JERSEY CITY, N. J., May 9.—In full view of hundreds of men, women, and children shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon, Sabinio Malillo, thirty-four years old, ex in hand, pursued Alfred Bechnich, thirty-two years old, up Newark avenue, caught him at Little Italy Park, and chopped him to death. Fire Chief Conway, who was responding to an alarm of fire, leaped from his wagon, and overpowered Malillo. The man was horribly chopped on the head and neck, he died after removal to St. Francis Hospital. Jealousy over the affections of an unknown woman was the motive for the murder.

WHAT CONGRESS DID

IN THE SENATE.
After a long debate, Senator Burkett's resolution for the observance of mothers' day was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The District Committee continued its hearing on the Anti-saloon League bill for more stringent excise laws.

Senator Foraker gave notice that he would call up Monday his bill to restore the discharged soldiers to the Twenty-fifth Infantry and would try to have it made the unfinished business.

Consideration of the agricultural bill was resumed and the discussion of forestry matters continued.

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MOB GUARDS COURT; BENT ON LYING WOMAN'S ASSAILANT

Prince Frederickstown in State of Excitement During Trial.

Crowd Excluded From Hearing to Prevent Demonstration.

With a determined mob outside the court house ready to reverse a possible adverse decision by an equally determined jury, and with more to fear from Judge Lynch than from the regularly appointed officers of the law, Arthur Rand, alias John Jones, was placed on trial at Prince Frederickstown, Md., today charged with felonious assault on Mrs. Mary Muggy Ward, at her home the night of January 23.

The wildest imaginable excitement prevails in the town, and no such crowd has been seen at the court house in years. To prevent a violent demonstration in open court, and a few persons were given permission to enter the room, while the cowering prisoner was placed close to the prosecuting attorneys and the jury.

Mob Determined.
Outside the court house, impatiently awaiting the termination of the trial, is a mob of men, many of them mounted, and all of them armed. The feeling against the negro is so intense that if the jury fails to mete out justice, he will be lynched, and present indications are that any effort to prevent such a proceeding will avail nothing, even should such resistance be offered.

On the jury are ten Maryland farmers, a Northerner, and a negro, and the foreman has the ominous name of Henry Slaughter.

The crime for which Rand stands accused was committed the night of January 23, at the home of Mrs. Ward, where Rand was employed